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FM AMCONSUL MEDELLIN

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS

SUBJECT: INTERNAL SECURITY: GUERRILLAS RELEASE COLOMBIAN  
KIDNAPPED WITH AMERICAN MINING OFFICIALS

REF: BOGOTA 0967

1. GUERRILLA-KIDNAPPERS FEBRUARY 14 RELEASED NOE DE JESUS GOMEZ HERNANDEZ, THE COLOMBIAN FARMER WHO WAS KIDNAPPED OCTOBER 4, 1973 ALONG WITH THE TWO AMERICAN MINING OFFICIALS, KAST AND DOTSON. GOMEZ IS CURRENTLY HOSPITALIZED IN SEGOVIA, APPARENTLY IN GOOD CONDITION.

2. ROBERT SWAIN, FRONTINO MINE MANAGER, HAD TOLD VISITING DESK OFFICER MAISTO AND CONSUL FEBRUARY 1 THAT GOMEZ FAMILY HAD PAID RANSOM MONEY AND HAD BEEN HOPING FOR EARLY RELEASE.

3. CONSUL TALKED WITH SWAIN THIS MORNING (FEB 15), AND SWAIN SAID GOMEZ REPORTS THAT KAST AND DOTSON ARE ALIVE AND WELL. SWAIN ALSO IS MUCH ENCOURAGED OVER THE PROSPECTS FOR THW TWO AMERICANS. WHILE DECLINING TO BE SPECIFIC, HE SAID HE EXPECTS MOVEMENT QUOTE NEXT  
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WEEK END QUOTE AND IS HOPEFUL THERE WILL BE QUOTE GOOD NEWS END QUOTE  
BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH. HE PROMISED TO CALL THE  
CONSUL FEBRUARY 18.  
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